

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1376 - SB 1165

March 11, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from a Class C to a Class B misdemeanor, the penalty for unlawful use of sidewalks by riding a horse or driving a horse team onto the sidewalk other than when necessary to cross the sidewalk or by hitching a horse or other animal to a tree adjacent to the sidewalk.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Administrative Office of the Courts has no statistics relating to this offense but assumes that there are no violations under this section for misuse of sidewalks.
- Class C misdemeanors can be heard and enforced under the jurisdiction of the municipal court. Increasing the penalty from a Class C to a Class B misdemeanor will move these offenses under the jurisdiction of the county's general session court.
- Revenue, if any, previously realized by municipalities through fines or penalties will be realized instead by counties.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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